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SUBJECT:SOVIET PROTEST NOTE REGARDING "CIA PROVOCATION"

1. CHETVERIKOV OF MFA USA DIVISION CALLED IN THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR AFTERNOON JULY 29 TO PRESENT NOTE OFFICIALLY PROTESTING ALLEGED "CALCULATED, ORGANIZED PROVOCATION" BY CIA AGENTS AGAINST SMUN SECOND SECRETARY O. V. KHARCHENKO IN NEW YORK CITY JULY 16. POL COUNSELOR SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THESE ALLEGATIONS SINCE HE KNEW NOTHING AT ALL OF ANY SUCH INCIDENT, BUT WOULD OF COURSE INFORM DEPARTMENT OF MFA'S DEMARCHE. TEXT OF NOTE IS GIVEN BELOW; COPIES OF ORIGINAL ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV AND USUN.

2. BEGIN TEXT. NO. 42/OSSHA. THE MINISTRY OF FOREGIN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLEMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE USA AND CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE FOLLOWING.

ON JULY 16, IN NEW YORK, A CRUDE PROVOCATION WAS PERPETRATED AGAINST SECOND SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET UN MISSION O. V. KHARCHENKO BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.

IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR KHARCHENKO, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE  
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SOVIET PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE DURING THE LATTER'S

STAY IN AN AMERICAN HOSPITAL, BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH POLICE  
DETECTIVES O'BRIEN AND O'ROURK, WHO WERE ON  
GUARD DUTY AT THE HOSPITAL. THIS ACQUAINTANCESHIP WAS  
OF A PURELY BUSINESSLIKE NATURE AND AFTERWARDS WAS ENDED.

HOWEVER, ON JULY 16 O'BRIEN INVITED KHARCHENKO TO THE  
HILTON HOTEL, INDICATING THIS WOULD BE A BUSINESS MEETING.  
AT THE HOTEL KHARCHENKO WAS MET BY TWO UNKNOWN  
INDIVIDUALS IN ADDITION TO O'BRIEN, AND THESE TWO  
INDIVIDUALS ENTERED INTO CONVERSATIONS WITH KHARCHENKO.  
THEY OPENLY INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AS CIA AGENTS AND BEGAN  
TO THREATEN KHARCHENKO WITH DAMAGE TO HIS OFFICIAL CAREER  
IF HE DID NOT AGREE TO COOPERATE WITH AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.  
THEY PROPOSED THAT HE MEET AGAIN WITH THEM THE  
EVENING OF JULY 19.

THUS ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS AFFAIR CLEARLY  
INDICATE THAT WE ARE SPEAKING OF A CALCULATED, ORGANIZED  
PROVOCATION AGAINST A SOVIET DIPLOMAT BY AMERICAN  
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTESTS THIS HOSTILE  
ACTION AGAINST A MEMBER OF A SOVIET ESTABLISHMENT IN  
THE USA AND DEMANDS THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE TAKE MEASURES  
TO BAN SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

MOSCOW, JULY 29, 1976. END TEXT. MATLOCK

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